

deBono's Thinking Hats



WHITE HAT®

Facts

Information

Data

Research

- ✓ **KNOWLEDGE**
- ✓ **REMEMBERING**

Who, What, When, Where?

What do you know about ...?

What are the facts about ... ?

What do you need or want to know about ...?

Where might you go to find out about ...?



RED HAT®

Feelings

Hunches

Emotions

Intuition

- ✓ **EVALUATION**

What are your feelings now?

Did your feelings change? How?

Which way do you like best based on your feelings?

What prejudices are present?

What is your hunch about...?

What is your gut feeling about ...?

What does your intuition tell you?

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BLACK HAT®

Caution

Be Careful

Danger

Wisdom

Risks

Weaknesses

✓ **ANALYSIS**

What should you be cautious about ...?

What words of wisdom come from this?

What are the consequences of...?

What were the difficulties of...?

Why won't / didn't this work?

What did you dislike about...?

What are the risks of ...?

What are some Uh-Ohs?



YELLOW HAT®

ANALYSIS (Bloom)

BENEFITS

GOOD

POSITIVES

VALUE

STRENGTHS

What are the benefits of ...?

What is good about ...?

What is a positive outcome of...?

What is the value of... ?

Can this be made to work? Explain.

What did you like about... ?

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GREEN HAT® -

Creativity

Imagination

New Ideas

Possibilities

✓ **SYNTHESIS**

✓ **CREATING**

What if ... ?

Can you create other ways to do this?

How would you solve the problem?

What new ideas can you think of?

What other possibilities are there for...?

Express yourself through literature, poetry, drama, media etc.



BLUE HAT® -

Thinking about Thinking

Process

Big Ideas/Main Idea

Conclude/ Summarise

List

Why?

What is the main idea?

What are the big ideas?

What is your conclusion? What next?

How was the problem solved?

List. Journal.

Tell how you got your answer.

Sequence the events.

Explain. Summarise.

Track your thinking.

Look from another perspective.

Look and think as if you were in the sky